GIFTS.

If I could give you what would outlast time Remain as fixed as Polar star above— Something to live and thrive in any clime, I'd give my love!

And should you ask for that more true than A something of yourself a kindred part.

My inmost thought I'd then to thee reveal, And give my heart!

Should friends desert you, fortune cease to smile; Should joy itself appear beyond recall, Your weary moments I would then beguile, And give my all!

But if some lofty sacrifice you'd ask, How glad I'd yield me to your sweet control And give-since giving is Love's sweetest My very soul!

And oh, believe me, could I turn away One cruel shaft, one pang of this world's From your great heart, this day I'd give my life!

-Sarah J. Miller, in The Continent.

THE MYSTERIOUS ADVERTISE-MENT.

I was on my way home last autumn from a tour which I had been making in Normandy, and arrived by a late train at Dieppe, intending to cross over to England next morning, weather permitting. The clock struck one before journey, I soon fell asleep. Between two and three in the morning I was disturbed. The night was pitch dark, but there was a faint light reflected into my room from a lamp in the courtyard of the hotel, and the outline of my window was printed on the ceiling of the room like a huge, distorted skylight. It was blowing hard outside but I only heard the distant murmur of the wind, my side of the house being well sheltered. Yet I fancied that I must have been disturbed in my sleep by its roar-

Ing.
Before I had had time for much reflection my attention was attracted by a strange moaning sound which seemed to be close to me; then a sharp cry rent the air, followed by loud exclamations of pain or terror, and then a series of most distressing sobs and groans fell upon my ear. The sounds were so near me that they seemed to be in my room, and, indeed, close to the head of my bed. I could even fancy that I felt the air vibrate, and I thrust out my hands in the darkness to feel whether any living object were near me from which such terrible sounds could emanate. After a short time the groans and exclamations ceased, or nearly so, and I then called out, first in French, and afterwards in English: "Who is therewhat is the matter ?" But I could obtain no answer, and presently the alarming sounds began again and were louder and more harrowing than before. I had some matches in the room, but

they were not within reach as I lay-or rather sat up-in my bed, and I did not like the idea of leaving it, but I presently mustered courage and stepped on newspaper in the afternoon, or rather It had been placed in an envelope for treated by tonics, aperients, smart ditiptoe towards the table, feeting anx- the first page of it, and sighing dismal- him by his daughter, who had thought- uretics, prolonged frictions, frequent found my matches, struck at least half a dozen, which would just flash up and go out, and, growing more and more nervous every moment, at length succeeded in procuring a light. As the match burned up, illuminating the whole chamber, it enabled me to see distinctly that there was nothing unusual to be seen - nothing, at all events, that could account in any way for the mysterious and painful sounds which had alarmed me.

I lighted my candle, and, after a careful survey of the apartment, observed that in the wall by my bedside was a door communicating with another room. I came to the conclusion that there must be a bed on the other side of this door, touching it, perhaps, as mine did, and it was occupied by some one who was in great pain, arising, it might be, from a sudden attack of illness. The groans and cries for help, which continued to break forth while I was thus considering, left meno alternative but to try and afford relief, so I at once tapped at the door and asked if anyone were ill. Knock as I would, however, I could get no reply. So I partly dressed myself and went forth in search of a night porter, or some one

who might be waking in the hotel, to whom I might communicate my anxi-On the staircase I met a tall, thin figure clad all in white, in point of fact a cook, candle in hand, and yawning fearfully, mounting slowly toward his bedroom. I had some difficulty in making him understand what it was that I wanted, he was so very sleepy. At length he seemed to apprehend a little of my meaning, and with a gesture and a "Tenez, m'sieur," turned away suddenly and left me. After about ten minutes he returned, bringing with him another sleepy person, probably a waiter who had just risen from his bed, to whom I repeated my story; he also said: "Tenez, m'sieur." and retired. In course of time he returned with a third, who said and did likewise. Finally about a dozen of the strangest, most fantastic, weird-looking objects you could imagine "found themselves" grouped around me in the corridor listening to my account of what had happened in or near my bedroom. The proprietor of the hotel, stout as a feather bed, wrapped in a flowered dressing-gown, the waiters in their drawers and slippers, a housemaid or two, a cook or two, in fact, nearly the entire establishment, in every possible variety of undress, were present and expressed, by all sorts of the way to the bed-chamber where I pictured to myself the subject of my solicitude lying upon his bed, or perhaps upon the floor, dying, if not already dead. The door was locked, but as yourself-and I might say, even more observing the recurrence of certain direction. The Duke learned, to his toes and mangel-wurzel. the landlord, by some process known to | so! himself, opened it quite easily. There was a bed, as I had conjectured, hear the door which communicated with my room, and on the pillow I could see from the distance a gray head and a pale face lying perfectly still and quiet. single file, forming a procession which day. Why did you not ask for it?" reached from the door to the bedside; while I, beginning to feel uneasy on my | you why." own account at having raised and introduced into another man's room such a spectral array as this, kept in the back- mine as well as yours." ground, or, to be plain with you, in the corridor, reconnoitring over the shoul- was Pierce, not Dickens." ders of the rest. The old gentleman, "Pierce is the name I go by here. for such he evidently was, though I was Let me sit down; I will explain everynot near enough to see his features, re- thing." mained for some time unconscious of He seated himself by my bedside,

he was ill.

face that regiment of excited men and to for a moment.

silly practical joke upon them.

in the pronunciation of the letter reply to it he had sailed. no doubt he would be very glad to do. ably in prosperous circumstances, but I suspect it was the tall white cook, he interrupted me. who had been, next to myself, the chief "You have heard nothing yet," he agent in the disturbance; however, hard said, and then proceeded to tell me, night. words break no bones, and as no one with faltering words and burning tears, whence I had issued, or to what "nu- his son it was found that a sum of gether next morning, caring little for a mero" I had retired, I did not think it money, amounting to several hundred I got to bed, and, being tired with my necessary to betray myself, and after a pounds, which had been intrusted to time they all withdrew, still chattering him in the course of his duties, was in which his son had sailed had put and complaining, to their beds, and I missing. It ought to have been paid to

also went to mine. table where I had placed it. I took out sure that he would be exonerated. The and is going on now contentedly and the enclosure (the envelope had been poor old man, as soon as he learned denly and left the room. I noticed the to him, but every time he caught my he should ask for it, it would be the eve he seemed confused and anxious to means of his betrayal. He did not acute and rapid as fully to pass through avoid me; and, of course, did not wish know me, of course, or I hope he would all its stages, and to kill the animal in to intrude upon him, though I would have had a better opinion of me. The the course of two or three days; and gladly have cheered him up a little if I Times of the previous day had a few whenever it assumes this very acute

but by a different cause. As soon as I his discretion, and he adopted the means ment of the abdomen no more rapidly The light was indeed so faint, or rather of which, as he truly remarked, I had so carefully shaded from sight, that it robbed him, rather than he me. ray from a dark-lantern. It served, him at once from all blame, and promimprovement of condition, by its being man standing near my dressing-table, keep his secret. I should have gone on dryness of skin, roughness of coat, upon which I had laid my purse and to offer my assistance in arranging either emaciation or puffy swelling of pockets when I undressed. The figure | rupted me. ing him, I saw him take something. morning to read the message." which from the sound I thought must then he turned to leave the room, walking with stealthy steps and carefully hands. shading the light from my eyes with

his hand. I was determined not to be robbed in this manner, and slipping hastily out of bed, contrived to reach the door and intercept his retreat, almost before he letters all seem to swim before my use of turnips and succulent food, and his surprise he dropped the candle and with a sudden gasp or exclamation stood still before me, making no effort to escape, and presently began to sob hysterically. I closed and locked the Tzslg. door, and then, as quickly as I could, lighted my candle. To my great surprise and sorrow, I found that the person I had detected was no other than the sad old gentleman whom I had no- down and groped about for it with ful value. The chief remedy, or rather ticed in the coffee-room reading the trembling fingers.

Times, as I have told you. I perceived immediately that my watch and purse, with one or two rings, were lying on the table undisturbed; it was evident, therefore, that this was no common thief.

"What have you taken?" I asked; "what motive had you in coming to my

I felt very sorry for the poor man, he seemed in such distress, and I suppose something in my look or tone of voice

made him aware of it. "I will tell you," he said, "if you will only be silent and promise not to betray me. I am the most unfortunate strange ejaculations and remarks, their of men; but I will tell you everything wards and forwards for some time The two walked and chatted together, food, and this may be corrected by givopinion of my story. At length I led and then throw myself upon your mercy. I am entirely in your power, but if you believe my story you will be sorry for me. I am quite innocent of any wrong in this matter—as innocent tions of Assyria had been obtained by ing couple turned in a very different tato-tops, or a mixture of sliced pota-

"How can that be?" I asked. thing I have robbed you of, and this is mine, not yours!" and he showed me was practical. The last word in this marriage, whereupon the lovers took and chalk rubbish. the envelope with my name upon it.

"I dared not, and I am going to tell "How came my name upon it?"

"It is my name, not yours-or rather his head. "But the waiter told me your name

start and a sob, and appeared for a words. minute or two to be in great terror; he He was a banker's clerk, high up, of spoke English, and began to protest long standing, and very much respected With the clew thus obtained I went on, —London Echo.

stances, with other such expressions; The former had been idle and unsteady wrote down the first line thusand it was a long time before the land- until about a year ago; he had held ford could satisfy him (for he was one or two situations and lost them rather deaf) that no other motive had from misconduct. At length he seemed executly much relieved, "no; I am not business, his father consented, upon "Matthew is come home." ill; I have slept soundly; there is nothing his earnest promise of good conduct, to the matter. I have not complained nor apply for a situation for him in the uttered a sound; why have you dis- bank and under his own immediate supervision. For a time the young man As soon as I heard this I retreated at went on well, but he grew weary of the

women, who were beginning already to At length one day the son disapabuse each other, and who, I felt sure, peared, and a letter arrived by post next for such he is now, that the money was would presently turn upon me with the morning from Liverpool, saying that found; there had been a mistake about conviction that I had been playing a he was on the point of sailing for New it which was now setright. You will not Ily practical joke upon them.

York, begging forgiveness for the secrete and suddenness of his departure, to tell you how, after his first transthem exclaim, and the word "Betise which he could only justify on the betise," was repeated often in a variety plea that he knew it would be useless of voices; then there were snarling to ask his father's consent. The letter and blessed me for the assistance I had sounds, as if, like Demosthenes, they was full of good resolutions and affechad been taking lessons from the dogs tionate promises, but before they could

"r-r-r-r," and mutual recriminations. Here I would have comforted the old

seemed to know who I was, from that a day or two after the departure of the account of one Sydney Smith at In the corridor, or it might be just a certain bank, but had never been deinside my neighbor's room, I am not livered there-in a word, his son was a sure which, I had taken up from the defaulter. The father, too, was imfloor an envelope on which my name plicated; indeed, the onus rested upon was written. I did not think much of him, for it was he who had intrusted the it at the moment, supposing I had young man with the money and had dropped it from the pocket of my coat, | sent him on his errand, and no one else which I had flung hastily over my shoul- in the bank knew that he had done so. morning, when I was dressing, it at- by accusing his son, and even then he tracted my attention as it lay upon the had no proof to offer, and could not be opened previously), and to my great what had happened, seemed to have surprise discovered nothing but a copy lost his better judgment. He took imof the English alphabet, with the same | mediate steps to raise money by the letters repeated in a different order, or help of his friends, to replace that rather disorder, under it. I did not which was lost, but felt that until this recognize the hand-writing, nor did I was done he could not face his prin-More than once I should have spoken real name upon it. He feared that if well-timed and judicious tapping. could have done so, as he seemed to be lines in the second column which he character, it may be regarded as incurwas sure were meant for him, but he able. Chronic dropsy in the cow, on The following night I was again disturbed about the same hour as before, man's anxiety again got the better of slow development as to effect enlargewas fairly awake I became aware that which I have described to recover possome one was in my room with a light. session of the all-important document,

was almost confined to one spot, like a I need not tell you that I exonerated however, to show me the form of a ised that, whatever happened, I would watch and some other contents of my matters for him at home, but he inter-

was busy with these articles, turning "O, if I could but see the Times," he them over as if making a selection; said. "I will go down to the coffeeand for a few seconds I lay still, watch- room and fetch it; I cannot wait till

be a letter, and after examining the ad- him but that I feared to meet the cook condition by means of tonics and diudress, clasp it eagerly in his hand; and again upon the stairs), and returned retics, and then to part with the brute clasping the paper in his trembling as soon as she is rapidly and pretty well

"There is your key," I said; "take it, with thirst is sheer cruelty, and has no and may it bring you good news."
"O, help me!" he exclaimed; "you know all about it; I have no secrets now from you; help me to make it out, the bleakness of pasture ground, by too free eves.

The advertisement did indeed look formidable; here it is: "Zmmh slkg Dteerlk yg fmdl rmdl msbv t dygetel fmdl rmdl te mstl.

"Now for the key," I said. "But what is this? the envelope is empty.' "It must have fallen upon the floor," said my poor friend, and he stooped

But no, it had not fallen to the floor: search as we would we could not find prime, dry. chaff-cut-hay for succulent it. By what chance it had been mis- food. - Prairie Farmer. laid, or where it was gone to. I have never discovered to this day. I scarcely know which of the two was more distressed, poor Mr. Dickens (the other Dickens) or myself. After turning over

asked.

under them, thus-

T. z. s. l. g shook him. He then woke up with a cold, and told me his story in a few identical, so I wrote down:

D. t. c. c. r. l. k

that he could explain everything, and in his house. He had-or, I may say, without saying anything to my friend, that he was the victim of circum- has-a son grown up and a daughter. to the other words of the puzzle, and

Zmnh slkg Dteerlk yg fmdl rmdl news Matthews me h me. It was easy to guess that the last prought him to his room but a fear that determined to reform, and as he had three words were "is come home," and never been suspected of anything worse this gave me double o for the first. "No," said the old gentleman, ap- than unpunctuality and inattention to "Good news," I cried out in eastasy.

I could scarcely persuade Mr. Dickens that I was not deceiving him; he was too much agitated to trace the process by which I had arrived at this result, but sat down by me and watched once to my own room and closed and confinement and often talked of emi- while I deciphered the rest, which with locked the door. It was a cowardly grating, a proposal to which, as he was this enlarged clew was quickly done. thing to do, but I confess I dared not his only son, the father would not listen If you will take the trouble to look it over you will easily be able to make it out. I was able to tell my dear friend, ports of delight and gratitude, he read the welcome message again and again. rendered. It was painful to see him sobbing and gasping; for he had some kind of asthmatic affection, which would account in part for the distress-Somebody was called "a great turkey," man with the prospect of seeing his son ing sounds to which he had given utand told to "go to bed," which I have at home again after a time, and probwas so troubled in his dreams. But he grew calm at last, and went to his bedroom for the short remainder of the

We crossed over to Newhaven tostormy passage; and the following day I had a letter from my friend in Lonback in consequence of heavy gales. Matthew had returned home while she the first time of the supposed embezziement. It proved, on inquiry, that he the credit of a stranger, another Sydnev Smith-there are so many of them. der when I left my room; but the next Therefore he could only justify himself Matthew Dickens, instead of going abroad, settled down at his old desk, well .- Leisure Hour.

Dropsy.

Dropsy is designated by various terms, according to its location. Thus we have what is called water in the remember ever having seen the paper cipals nor his fellow clerks, and he head, or hydrocephalus, water in the before; but my name was on the envel- seems to have thought that by absent- chest, or hydrothorax, water in the ope plainly enough, so I thought it ing himself on some fictitious plea the heart-bag, or hydrops-pericardii, watermight possibly belong to some other inquiry might be deferred and exposure farcy, or anasarca, swelled legs, or member of my family, and have come avoided. In a fit of nervousness and partial cedema, and water in the belly, into my possession by mistake. When alarm (such as I plead guilty to myself or ascites. Abdominal, or true dropsy, I descended to the coffee room I asked when I ran away from the Frenchmen) in the horse, is seldom a primary affecthe waiter whether there was any other he took train and came at once to tion, but not unfrequently results from person of the name of Dickens in the Dieppe; at the same time he assumed some other disease, particularly those of hotel, and, after he had made inquiry, he answered: "No;" but a gentleman would not even allow his daughter to intestines. Its usual symptoms are who was sitting near me looked up so write to him, but contrived a plan of swelling of the abdomen, decrease of quickly and so anxiously at the communication by means of advertise- urine, a degree of costiveness, and moment that I was on the point of ments in the Times, in which the let- much disinclination to exertion. When speaking to him, when he rose up sud- ters were to be so transposed as to be only a symptomatic or secondary disincomprehensible (as they imagined) ease, it can seldom if ever be successsame gentleman, a man of about sixty to any one who was not acquainted with fully attacked; yet, when a primary years, perhaps, with a sad, depressed the key. That key he had lost; he saw disease, or when in favorable circumlook and manner, reading the Times it in my hands, but dared not ask for it. stances a secondary disease, it may be ly, as if he were in some great trouble. lessly, but very naturally, written his and gentle exercise, warm clothing, and

> Dropsy in the cow is sometimes so than ordinary improving of condition and it is distinguishable to the eye from bloating and from flatulent colic by its causing an enlargement, not of the side, limb, excessive thirst, and alternate costiveness and diarrhœa. A complet€ cure can rarely be effected, and the most economical treatment for the owner, as well as not the least humane for the animal, is to reduce the enlargement He did so (I would have gone with by tapping, to improve the health and improved. Torturing a dropsical cow sort of sanative effect.

Dropsy in sheep is occasioned variously by constitutional debility, by by accidental circumstances. It occurs most frequently in old sheep and on bleak pastures. A sheep affected with it fitfully and changefully swells in various parts of the body, becomes die .- All the Year Round. dull, languid, and eventually has great and painful distension of the belly. Tapping is sometimes useful in a ewe, but hardly ever of any service in other palliative, is loosening or aperient action upon the bowels, and the substitution of

Romance in Real Life.

The beautiful and highly-cultivated all my papers to no purpose, we sat daughter of one of the proud old Rodown and looked at each other in de- man nobles, the Duke of Gallese, was never in such quantity at a time as to ister. spair. Then suddenly I remembered introduced to the Italian poet, Signor that by patience and perseverance D'Annunzio. Her kinsfolk never nearly all puzzles of this description dreamed that a lady of such great ex- clination for food, sometimes results might be interpreted, and I resolved to pectations and high birth could run from great and sudden changes of try what I could make of it. I took up any risk by an intimate acquaintance weather, and from feeding incessantly the paper and read the letters back- with a man risen from the lower ranks. on dry and comparatively indigestible without approachieg any nearer to their but, while the young lady's friends meaning. At length an idea struck me. supposed that she was talking of in- vegetable substance which may happen I had read how the first clue to the in- tellectual matters, it turned out at the time to be most accessible or terpretation of the cuneiform inscripthat the conversation of the interest plentiful, such as cabbage, lettuce, poletters and words and names; such as horror and anger, that his daugh-'Xerxes, king of kings, son of Darius, ter had dared to betroth herself is sometimes induced; and this may be "See," said he, "this is the only king of kings," etc. It was indeed to the poet. As a matter of course, he corrected by giving the animal free acdie as if he had neither wife nor child.

A Few Bank-Note Stories. Party.

On one occasion the Bank of England proved much too accommodating for its year 1840 one of its own Directors, a man of wealth and of unimpeachable Republican party proposes to enter the National struggle has suddenly changed. Not because of its possible influence man of wealth and of unimpeachable honor, bought an estate for £30,000, and for convenience sake obtained a Democratic control and swung over tion of the Democratic solidity of the note for that amount. On returning home, just as he was about to put it under lock and key, he was called out of the room, and placed the note on the mantel-piece. On coming back, a few minutes later, no note was to be seen. No one had entered the room in his absence, and, after an anxious search, he came to the conclusion that the precious bit of paper had fallen into the fire and been consumed. Hurrying off to Threadneedle Street he told his colleagues what had happened, and they gave him a second note upon his undertaking to restore the lost one if it should come again into his hands, and, in case of its being presented by is suddenly found impracticable and and he has an absolute and indisputanybody else, repay the amount to the

Thirty years afterward, when he had long been dead and his estate distributed among his heirs, the supposed nonexistent note turned up at the bank is likely to make against the Electoral solemnly pledged himself to recognize counter, where it was presented for pay votes necessary to elect. All at once and respect. If Mahone, at any ment. All explanation of the circumstances connected with it were lost upon so often, and which has done duty on Senate, had left the Democratic party the presentee-the note had come to several memorable occasions, is heard and joined heart and hand with him from abroad in the course of business, and it must be honored without delay. There being no help for it, he of political efforts is not now manly independence in such matters and was paid the £30,000. Application was toward the sunny South, where appreciate its obligations. But when, made to the representatives of the de- liberalism was thought to be rampant professing to be a Democrat, he obfunct Director to refund the money, but they promptly disclaimed their liability, toward the North where now the only and then openly and without shadow don, telling me all about it. The ship and the bank perforce had to put up with the loss. The story goes that it was discovered (how or when we are not informed) that the builder employed was refitting, and had then heard for to pull down the dead man's house, preparatory to rearing a new one on the site had found the note in a crevice of had carried the check to the wrong the chimney, and kept it and his own bank, and it had been entered there to counsel until he thought it was safe to reap the reward of his patience and unscrupulousness, and so become a rich

man at a stroke. The executors of Sir Robert Burdett found no less than £270,000 worth of bank notes scattered here and there about his house, some slipped into bundles of old papers, some between the leaves of books, without a memorandum anywhere to appraise them of the existence of such valuables, much advised were the executors of the gentleman who left behind him a scrap of paper marked, "Seven hundred pounds in Till," although they failed to interpret its meaning until they had disposed of all the dead man's belongings. Then one of them recollected that his library had contained a folio edition of Tillotson's Sermons, and wondered if "Till" had any reference to it. The books had been sold to a bookseller. who luckily had not found a customer for them, although he had sent them or going carefully through the volume.

recovered notes to the amount of \$2,500. Haven, America, afforded the administrators of his estate no clew whatever as to the hiding-place of the savings of which they believed him to have died possessed. Overhauling his clothes preparatory to selling them by auction. one of them threw an old overcoat aside, when a dirty piece of cloth dropped out of one of the pockets. Or examination this was found to be wrapped around a large cartridge shell within which lay notes of \$1,800 value, which, but for a mere chance. purchaser of second-hand clothing.

Some sixty years since a Bank of England £5 note was paid into a Livercourse of business. On holding it up to the light to test its genuineness the

ment.

Indigestion sometimes occurs among swine who are not supplied with food at regular intervals, and occasionally receive large and unlimited quantities of it, and in consequence pass suddenly from starvation to a surfeit, and this evil greatly retards their growth or fattening, or seriously damages their bealth, or even undermines their constitution. It must be rectified by supplying them with proper allowances of food at stated periods of the day and provoke them to gluttony.

Costiveness, accompanied by disining them any green food or succulent

The opposite evil of diarroha, also,

magna componere parcis; but the hint refused to give his sanction to their cess to cinders, soft coal, brick-dust secret message was most probably the the train to Florence, where they were Eruptions of the skin, occasionally "Then why did you not claim it?" I name or signature of the sender; it made man and wife. This last step becoming aggravated into pustules and The whole party entered the room in asked; "you saw it in my hand yester- began with a capital and consisted of made the Duke so indignant that he scabs, sometimes also break out in the drawn up by ears; and these may be occasioned "What is your daughter's name?" I which he disinherited his daughter; either by want of proper ventilation, but the father and the man afterwards by want of general cleanliness in the "Agnes," he replied, without raising so far overcame the aristocrat in him stye or house, by paucity of food, by too that he settled upon her for life a year- stimulating diet, by the combined I was sure of it now, and wrote down ly income of 6,000 lire. The story has effects of confinement, bad air, and inthe disguised letters with the real ones since obtained an almost tragical com- judicious feeding. A ready or effective pleteness by the separation of the Duke | cure in the early stages or milder form from his own wife. He accused her of of this malady, is to give the animals A g n e s having secretly favored the cause of dry and clean quarters, and access to I then observed that the third word in D'Annunzio, and of allowing the lovers | cinder or charcoal; and a suitable and the riddle also began with a capital. to hold interviews after the father had even requisite remedy in bad cases, parthe intrusion, till the landlord, finding | wrapped in a traveling rug which I lent | His son's name he told me was Mat- prohibited all further intercourse be- ticularly when the eruptions have bethat he could not rouse him with his him, for he was shivering, as much thew, and this word had seven letters, tween the two. He has consequently come ulcerated and scabby, is to mix voice, laid his hand upon him and from nervousness, perhaps, as from the of which the third and fourth were broken up his household in Rome, made small doses of sulphur and saltpeter a settlement upon his Duchess and de- with the food, and to rub externally clared that he will henceforth live and with a mixture of tar and oil, or with a composition of suet, tar and a little sulphur. - Prairie Farmer

The Last Hope of the Republican

The plan of battle upon which the It is not now a question of how many upon the coming Presidential cam-Southern States can be cut loose from paign-as practically settling the quesinto Republican fellowship, but a deter- South-but because it is a triumphant mination to forego them all and strike vindication of honesty and honor in for Northern support. One month ago, politics, and a crushing rebuke to the Republican calculators were wont to meanest form of political treachery sharpen their pencils and count up the and the most scandalous abuse of Fedvotes of Maryland, Virginia, North Car- eral patronage. It is neither personal olina and Florida, and, assuming these prejudice nor partisan feeling which States as doubtful for Democratic hopes, prepare to add them to the Republican of William Mahone, since he entered pyramid But now all this sort of the Senate of the United States has speculation is suddenly changed. These been exceptionally infamous. Other four Southern States are no longer con- Democrats have turned Republicans, sidered doubtful, but are with singular and many Republicans have turned unanimity accorded to the Democrats. Democrats without laying themselves The plan of liberalizing the South with open to any such charge. A man's coalitions and independent movements, opinions on all subjects are his own, their attention is turned to other fields, able right to change them when and as

and coalitions loudly clamored for, but tained his election by Democratic votes, hope lies. Suddenly the South is given of apology or excuse sold himself to the up as hopeless, and no Republican ed. Republicans and became their active itor ventures to expect a single vote and unscrupulous servant, he touched from that section. The Democrats by the very depth of political infamy, and carrying Virginia and Maryland have, no condemnation language can frame is it seems, rendered all future calcula- too severe for him, no contempt the tions unnecessary in that direction, and mind can conceive too strong. The with patriotic heart and courageous matchless treachery has been followed purpose, the war is now to be carried by work entirely worthy of it. The coming, the announcement is made that the first false step," and then, smitten the sections must now again antago- by shame or stung by conscience, "do nize each other, a "solid North" against not to hell's perdition go." He proa "solid South." Of course this means ceeded at once not only to earn the the old campaign style, the method wages of his sin by voting steadily with once before advised by a celebrated Re- the men who bought him, but to assail publican orator, to-wit: "a bloody in every possible way the party he bad shirt campaign with plenty of money." The trouble is, neither of these pre- the State he had bargained to misrequisites are available now. The coun- represent. Directly and indirectly less of their whereabouts. A little better try can not be convulsed again with a he has done more harm to Virginia assessments are forbidden. Of all cam- of the civil war. He has stabbed her paign cries this is the weakest and most credit, he has stained her reputation, he because its interests demand a better turbed her peace, he has kindled anigovernment than the Republican party mosities among her people which will could give them, and because the people there have no faith in coalitions. grown upon his grave. Intentionally or The tendency is toward home-rule and unintentionally, he has been an unmithonest government, and as this is not igated curse to the State that bore honest principles prevail, the people him until he proved himself an unapproval to a gentleman at Cambridge, have determined to try the merits of a grateful and faithless son. There have who had returned them as not answer change. The weak and silly attempt been "bosses" and "bossism" elseing his expectations. The executor to make an issue for the people of the bought the Tillotson back again, and North by crying out that the lives of the "bossism" like his, ever before disnegroes in the South are in danger, and graced the American name and Nation. inflaming the passions of the Northern The watchman of a factory at New voter by sympathetic appeals for sup- Conkling and Cameron are angels of the negro, are but the inventions of a to give their tryanny a color of decenthoroughly demoralized and frightened cy, "assuming a virtue if they had it crew. The negro is in no danger and not;" but he has seemed to take pride thousands of them are no doubt in bliss- in making his tyranny utterly indecent ful ignorance that any danger is im- as well as utterly hateful, and no sempending. The fact is the negro is nec- blance of virtue has marred the long essary to the South, and all the white catalogue of his misdeeds. people there know and recognize it. The danger to the colored man exists only in the excited and heated imagina- "Mahoneism" does not rest exclusively tions of the average Republican editor, upon the man who fathers it. From the and it only exists there now because it day he pocketed the price of his treachmight unexpectedly have enriched a is thought that this is the only card that ery until now he has had the hearty can be played with success. If this support and co-operation of the Repubpitcous appeal in behalf of the colored lican party and all the aid and comfort pool merchant's office in the ordinary ern voters then all is lost. Therefore it Republican organs and orators have is industriously demanded that the sounded his praises and applauded his North shall rise as one man and protect efforts, and Federal offices have been cashier saw some faint red marks upor the poor colored man from wholesale placed at his disposal to reward his it. Examining them closely, he traced assassination. The fact that nobody is friends and punish his enemies. If the some half-effaced words between the hurt who behaves himself and keeps Republican party outside of Virginia printed lines and upon the margin of out of election rows, and the further had simply let Mahone severely alone, the note, written apparently with blood | fact that as a whole the negroes at the | and if a Republican Administration had After a long and minute scrutiny he South are not troubling them- refused to lend him its patronage or made out the words: "If this note selves much about Republican ap- grant him its indorsement, he would should fall into the hands of John Dean peals, but are industriously at work try- have been extinguished long ago, in of Longhill, near Carlisle, he will learn ing to make a living and bettering spite of his desperate energy and splenhereby that his brother is languishing their condition, doesn't count in the did ability for political intrigue and ina prisoner in Algiers." The merchan eyes of Republican editors, because this timidation. When we think of the mmediately communicated with Mr is not to the point. The point at which moral strength an immoral cause can Dean, and he lost no time in bringing they are aiming is Northern votes, and receive from the approbation and enthe matter before the Government. In they think if they can make it appear couragement of a great party, and the quiries were set on foot, and the unfor that the negroes are all in danger of almost omnipotent influence of "the tunate man discovered and ransomed being killed by infuriated Democrats, spoils system," the wonder is, He had been a slave to the Dey of Al that the chances of success are then not that Mahone has escaped degiers for eleven years when the mes measurably increased. The people of feat so long, but that he did not sage he had traced with a splinter of the North will learn in good time the escape it altogether and continue his wood dipped in his own blood reached whole history of that Danville affray. rule of ruin indefinitely. He has been the Liverpool counting-house. Liberty. They will be told the truth about it and beaten now-and we believe helplessly however, came too late; the privations they will then be able to judge whether and hopelessly beaten-not by luck of and hardships of the galleys had sapped it means an era of bloody slaughter, or combination of fortunate circumstanhis strength, and although he was whether it is simply the effort of discess, but by the wisdom, courage, inbrought home to England, it was but to heartened and discouraged Republican domitable zeal and incomparable work editors, who hope to profit by deceiving of the Virginia Democracy. Never bepeople. The North can not be won fore in the eventful history of the grand Ailments of Swine Due to Mismanage over to the Republican party by piteous old Commonwealth has Virginia been appeals to save people who are not in the scene of such a political struggle as danger. The day is past when bloody the one now so happily and gloriously crusades will affright sensible people. Live issues which stand for good government and appeal for honest and won against overwhelming odds, is faithful attention to public interests are worth more to her than all the bright now the things which interest people, and upon these the voters may divide, but no such foolish clamor as this which proclaims the decaying hopes of party record and a lesson well calculated to strength, will turn voters aside from the patriotic duty of helping to defeat the treachery and tyranny; the Republican party which preaches sectional issues party has been taught that the purchase for political advantage. - American Reg. of a Democratic Senator does not insure

The Next Electoral Vote. THE DEMOCRATIC COLUMN. OHIO. TEXAS. NEVADA. FLORIDA. GEORGIA. OREGON. VIRGINIA. VIRGINIA.
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ARKANSAS.
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PEN N S Y L V A N I A.

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M I N N E S O T T A.

W I S C O N S I N.

C O L O R A D O.

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V E R M O N T.

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MAINE.

I O W A.

votes.-N. Y. World.

color blindness.

The Virginia Victory.

The Democratic victory in Virginia

is, when properly considered, an event It is now discovered that the South he chooses, provided that this change, is solid, and that the Northern heart and the action resulting therefrom, do must be fired up to withstand the dread- not violate any trust or repudiate any ful assault which this solidified section duty he has voluntarily assumed and the old war-ery which we have heard time previous to his election to the again, and the faithful are warned to the Republicans, he could not have been give heed. The new direction justly condemned by those who value into the North, and as a hint of what is traitor was not one of those who "take betrayed, and to harass and humiliate gory cry, and the sinews of war are a than was done by the armies that made doubtful quantity since campaign her historic soil the great battle-ground worthless. The South is now "solid" has checked her prosperity, he has dislive and burn long after the grass has possible except where intelligence and him; the State that trusted and bonored Compared in this respect with Mahone. port upon the ground of protection to light. They, occasionally at least, tried But the responsibility of what is now known in our political vocabulary as

man does not touch the hearts of North- a Republican Administration could give. ended; and she owes to her Democratic children the crowning victory which, laurels her sword has gained. The most shameless and insolent of "bosses" has been knocked down and out, leaving a discourage future imitation of his the Republicanizing of a Democratic State, much less the breaking of a solid Democratic South; and a Republican Administration ought to be convinced that it has been partner in a very dirty business, without even the poor consolation of seeing the profits balance the losses .- St. Louis Republican.

-A remarkable cure of blindness was recently effected by a doctor of New York in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Hoadley, of Waterbury, Conn. She had been in almost total darkness for over one year, cataracts having formed over both eyes, and having obstructed the sight for about six years. They were successfully operated upon and removed, and she returned to her home a few days ago with her sight perfectly restored. - N. Y. Sun.

-One night in the early days of San Francisco a party of men were winding up a spree in a saloon, when one of the members dashed the liquor from his glass, and said: I dash it away forever." From this incident the Dashaway Society was formed, and it did incalculable good in the cause of temperance and charity .- San Francisco Chronicle.

-At Lexington, Ky., was established the first lodge of Freemasons in the great West, November 17, 1788. Its Fifteen States, with 151 electoral original charter, yellow with age, is still to be seen there. Colonel Joe Davies, the prosecutor of Aaron Burr, was -A single Eastern railroad recently a member of this lodge and Grand Masdischarged twenty-seven employes for ter of Kentucky when he fell at Tippecanoe, 1811.